## CLAIMS

- 1. Composition for the oxidation dyeing of keratinous fibres, characterized in that it comprises, in a medium appropriate for the dyeing of the said fibres:
- at least one oxidation base;
- and at least one coupler chosen from the compounds of following formula (I) and/or their addition salts

with an acid:

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• R<sub>1</sub> represents a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched radical comprising from 1 to 15 carbon atoms (it being possible for the branching or branchings to form one or more carbonaceous rings comprising from 3 to 7 ring members) which can comprise one or more double bonds and/or one or more triple bonds (the said double bonds optionally resulting in aromatic groups) and one or more carbon atoms of which can be replaced by an oxygen, nitrogen or sulphur atom or by an SO<sub>2</sub> group and the carbon atoms of which can, independently of one another, be substituted by one or more halogen atoms, the said R<sub>1</sub> radical comprising neither peroxide bonds nor diazo, nitro and nitroso radicals;

 $\bullet$  R<sub>2</sub>/represents a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched

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radical comprising from 1 to 20 carbon atoms (it being possible for the branching or branchings to form one or more carbonaceous rings comprising from 3 to 7 ring members) which can comprise one or more double bonds and/or one or more triple bonds (the said double bonds optionally resulting in aromatic groups) and one or more carbon atoms of which can be replaced by an oxygen, nitrogen or sulphur atom or by an SO<sub>2</sub> group and the carbon atoms of which can, independently of one another, be substituted by one or more halogen atoms, the said R<sub>2</sub> radical comprising neither peroxide bonds nor diazo, nitro and nitroso radicals;

 $\bullet$  R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub>, which are /identical or different, represent a hydrogen or halfogen atom or a linear or branched radical comprising from 1 to 20 carbon atoms (it then being possible for the branching or branchings to form one or more rings comprising from 3 to 7 ring members) which can comprise one or more double bonds and/or one or more triple bonds (the said double bonds optionally resulting in aromatic groups) and one or more carbon atoms of which can be replaced by an oxygen, nitrogen or sulphyr atom or by an SO, group and the carbon atoms of which/can, independently of one another, be substituted by one or more halogen atoms, the said radical comprising neither peroxide bonds nor diazo, nitro and nitroso radicals and it being understood that  $R_s$  cannot fepresent a hydroxyl, thio or amino radical and it being understood that the  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$  and  $R_5$  radicals cannot be connected to the benzene ring of the formula (I) via an -NH/-NH- bond;

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Y represents a hydrogen or halogen atom; an  $-OR_6$ ,  $-SR_6$  or  $-NH-SO_2R_6$  group in which  $R_6$  represents a linear or branched  $C_1$ - $C_5$  alkyl radical (it then being possible for the branching or branchings to form one or more rings comprising from 3 to 6 ring members), optionally substituted by one or more radicals chosen from the group: halogen, hydroxyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkoxy, amino or  $C_1$ - $C_4$  aminoalkyl; a phenyl radical, optionally substituted by one or two radicals chosen from the group:  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, trifluoromethyl, carboxyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkoxycarbonyl, halogen, hydroxyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkoxy, amino or  $C_1$ - $C_4$  aminoalkyl; or a benzyl radical.

2. Composition according to/Claim 1, characterized in that, in the said compounds of formula (I),  $R_1$  denotes a hydrogen atom; an A/group composed of a linear or branched C1-C8 alkyl padical which can carry one or two double bonds or one triple bond, which may or may not be substituted by/a group chosen from an  $A_2$ ,  $A_4$  and  $A_5$ group as defined below, which may or may not be substituted by one or two identical or different groups chosen from the N-( $C_1$ - $C_3$ ) alkylamino, N-( $C_1$ - $C_3$ ) alkyl-N- $(C_1/C_3)$ alkylamino,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy, oxo, alkoxycarbonyl, /acyloxy, amido, acylamino, ureyl, sulphoxy, sulphony, sulphonamido, sulphonylamino, bromo, cyano or carboxyl groups, and which may or may not be substiftuted by one or more hydroxyl, fluoro or chloro groups; an A2 group composed of an aromatic group of phenyl or naphthyl type which may or may not be substituted by one to three identical or different groups chosen from the methyl, trifluoromethyl, ethyl, isopropyl, butyl, pentyl, fluoro, chloro, bromo,

methoxy, trifluoromethoxy, ethoxy, propyloxy, acetyloxy, acetyl and cyano groups; an A, group composed of heteroaromatic groups chosen from the furanyl / thiophenyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, 1,2,3-triazolyl, 1,2,4-triazolyl, isoxazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyrazolotriazolyl, pyrazoloimidazolyl, pyrrolotriazolyl, pyrazo/lopyrimidyl, pyrazolopyridyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, benzimidazolyl, benzoxazolyl, benzothiazolyl, indolyl, indolidinyl, isoindolyl, indazolyl, benzotriazo/yl, quinolinyl, benzimidazolyl or benzopyrimidyl groups, optionally substituted by 1 to 3 radicals chosen from linear or branched C, -C, alkyl,  $C_1-C_4$  (poly) hydroxyalkyl, carboxyl, alkoxycarbonyl, halogen, amido, amino or hydroxyl; an A, group composed of a C3-C7 cycloalkyl radical or a norbornanyl radical optionally carrying a double bond and optionally substituted by 1 or 2 radicals defined by linear or branched C1-C4 alkyl,  $C_1-C_4$  (poly) hydroxyallyl, carboxyl, alkoxycarbonyl, halogen, amido, amino or hydroxyl; or an As group composed of a heterocycle chosen from the dihydrofuranyl, tetrahydrofuranyl/ butyrolactoneyl, dihydrothiophenyl, tetrahydrothiopMenyl, tetrahydrothiophenoneyl, iminothiolanyl, dimydropyrrolyl, pyrrolidinyl, pyrrolidinoneyl, imidazolidinoneyl, imidazolidinethioneyl, oxazolidiny/, oxazolidinoneyl, oxazolanethioneyl, thiazolidihyl, isothiazoloneyl, mercaptothiazolinyl, pyrazolidinoneyl, iminothiolanyl, dioxolanyl, pentalactone/1, dioxanyl, dihydropyridinyl, piperidinyl, pentalactamyl, morpholinyl, pyrazoli (di) nyl, pyrimi(di)nyl, pyrazinyl, piperazinyl and azepinyl rings.

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- 3. Composition according to Claim 2, characterized in that R, represents a hydrogen atom, a methyl/ ethyl, isopropyl, allyl, phenyl, benzyl, flugrobenzyl, 5 hydroxybenzyl, difluorobenzyl, trifluorobenzyl, chlorobenzyl, bromobenzyl, methoxybenzyl, dimethoxybenzyl, (trifluoromethoxy)benzyl, 3,4-methylenedioxybenzyl, 6-chloropiperonyl, 4-methylthiobenzyl, 4-methylsulphonylbenzyl, 4-acetylaminobenzyl, 4-carboxybenzyl, 1-naphthomethyl/or 2-naphthomethyl 10 radical; or a 2-hydroxyethyl, 2-methoxyethyl or 2-ethoxyethyl group.
- Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 3, characterized in that, in the said compounds of formula (I), R<sub>2</sub> denotes a hydrogen atom; an amino group; or an A<sub>1</sub>, A<sub>2</sub>, A<sub>1</sub>, A<sub>4</sub> or A<sub>5</sub> group as defined in Claim 2, the said groups optionally being separated from the sulphur, situated in the 8 position, of the sulphonamide functional group of the said compound of formula (I) by an -NH- or -N-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)alkyl- group.
- 5. Composition according to Claim 4, characterized in that R<sub>2</sub> denotes a radical chosen from the group (G1) consisting of a methyl, trifluoromethyl, ethyl, 2-chloroethyl, propyl, 3-chloropropyl, isopropyl, butyl, phenyl, ethoxy, amino and dimethylamino radical.
- 6. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 5, characterized in that, in the said compounds of formula (I), R, and R, which are identical or

different, denote a hydrogen or halogen atom; a hydroxyl or amino group; an  $A_1$ ,  $A_4$  or  $A_5$  group as defined in Claim 2; or an  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ ,  $A_3$ ,  $A_4$  or  $A_5$  group as defined in Claim 2 which is separated from the phenol nucleus of the said formula (I) by an oxygen atom or by an -NH-, -N-( $C_1$ - $C_3$ ) alkyl-, -O( $C_3$ ) -NH( $C_3$ -, -NH( $C_3$ -) alkyl-, -NH( $C_3$ -, -NH( $C_3$ -) alkyl-, -NH( $C_3$ -, -NHSO<sub>2</sub>-, -NHSO<sub>2</sub>NH- or -NHSO<sub>2</sub>N-( $C_1$ - $C_3$ ) alkyl- group.

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7. Composition according to Claim 6, /characterized in that R, represents a hydrogen or chlorine atom; a methyl, hydroxymethyl, methoxymethyl, 1-hydroxyethyl, aminomethyl or methylaminomethy/ radical; a hydroxyl, methoxy or acetoxy radical; and amino, methylamino or 2-hydroxyethylamino radical/ an -NH(CO) $R_7$  group in which R, represents a radical chosen from the group (G2) consisting of the methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, tert-butyl, pentyl, isopentyl, neopentyl, hexyl; cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclopentylmethyl, 3-cyclopentylpropyl, cyclohexyl, 2-cyclohexylethyl, norbornan-2-yl, vinyl, 1-methylvinyl, 2/methylvinyl, 2,2-dimethylvinyl, allyl, 3-butenyl, phenyl, methylphenyl, dimethylphenyl, 2,4,6-t/imethylphenyl, 4-ethylphenyl, (trifluoromethyl)phenyl, hydroxyphenyl, methoxyphenyl, ethoxyphenyl, acetoxyphenyl, (trifluoromethoxy)phenyl, aminophenyl/ 4-dimethylaminophenyl, fluorophenyl, difluorophenyl, fluoro(trifluoromethyl)phenyl, chlorophenyl, /dichlorophenyl, bromophenyl, naphth-1-yl, naphth-2-yl, (2-methoxy) naphth-1-yl, benzyl,

4'-methoxybenzyl, 2',5'-dimethoxybenzyl, 3',4/'-dimethoxybenzyl, 4'-fluorobenzyl, 4'-chloropenzyl, phenethyl, 2-phenylvinyl, (1-naphthyl) methyl, (2-naphthyl) methyl; tetrahydrofuran-2-yl, furan-2-yl, 5-methyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)furan-3-yl, 5 2-methyl-5-phenylfuran-3-yl, thiophen-2-yl, (thiophen-2-yl)methyl, 3-chlorothiophen-2-yl, 2,5-dichlorothiophen-3-yl, benzothiophen-2-yl, 3-chlorobenzothiophen-2-yl, isoxazol-5-yl, 5-methylisoxazol-3/yl, 3,5-dimethylisoxazol-4-yl, 1,3-dimethylpyra/201-5-yl, 10 3-methylpyrazol-5-yl, 1-tert-butyl-3-methylpyrazol-3-tert-butyl-1-methylpyrazol-5-yl, 5-yl, 1-ethyl-3-methylpyrazol-5-yl/, indol-3-ylcarboxyl, chloropyridinyl, dichloropyridinyl, pyridinyl, 15 5-(bromo)pyridin-3-yl, piperazin-2-yl, quinoxal-2-yl; fluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, trifluoromethyl, 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethyl, pentafluoroethyl, heptafluoropropyl, 1,1,2/2,3,3,4,4-octafluorobutyl, nonafluorobutyl, chloromethyl, chloroethyl, 1,1-dimethyl-20 2-chloroethyl, 1,2-dichloroethyl, 1-chloropropyl, 3-chloropropyl, A-chlorobutyl, hydroxymethyl, methoxymethyl, phehoxymethyl, (4-chlorophenoxy) methyl, benzyloxymethyl, acetoxymethyl, 1,2-dihydroxyethyl, 1-phenoxyethyl, 1-acetoxyethyl, 2-(2-carboxyethoxy)-25 ethyl, //-phenoxyethyl, l-acetoxyethyl, methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, (methoxycarbonyl) methyl, 2-carboxyethyl, 2-(methoxycarbonyl)ethyl, 2-carboxycyclopropyl, 2-carboxycyclohexane; methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, butoxy, isobutoxy, pentoxy, neopentoxy, hexyloxy, cyclopentyloxy, cyclohexyloxy, 30 inyloxy, allyloxy, propargyloxy, chloromethoxy, 1-chloroethoxy, 2-methoxyethoxy, 4-chlorobutoxy,

phenoxy, 4-methylphenoxy, 4-fluorophenoxy, 4-bromophenoxy, 4-chlorophenoxy, 4-methoxyphenoxy, naphth-2-yloxy, benzyloxy; amino, methylamino, ethylamino, propylamino, isopropylamino, butylamino, cyclohexylamino, allylamino, 2-chloroethylamino, 3-chloropropylamino, carboxymethylamino, phenylamino, fluorophenylamino, (trifluoromethyl)phenylamino, ch/orophenylamino, bromophenylamino, 4-acetylphenylamino, methoxyphenylamino, (trifluoromethoxy)phenylamino, 1-ylamino, benzylamino, phenethylamino, pyrid-3-ylamino, dimethylamino, 1-pyrolidinyl 4-morpholinyl radicals; or an -NHSO/2Rs group in which  $R_{\text{s}}$  represents a radical chosen from the group (G1) as defined in Claim 5.

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Composition according to Claim 6, characterized in that R<sub>4</sub> represents a hydrogen or chlorine atom; a methyl, ethyl, hydroxymethyl, methoxymethyl, aminomethyl or methylaminomethyl radical; a hydroxyl, methoxy, acetoxy, amino, methylamino, N-piperidino or N-morpholino group; an -NH(CO)R<sub>10</sub> group in which R<sub>10</sub> represents one of the radicals listed in the group (G2) as defined in Claim 7; or an -NHSO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>11</sub> group in which R<sub>11</sub> represents one of the radicals listed in the group (G1) as defined in Claim 5.

Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 8, characterized in that, in the said compounds of formula (I), R<sub>5</sub> denotes a hydrogen or halogen atom; an A<sub>1</sub>, A<sub>4</sub> or A<sub>5</sub> group as defined in Claim 2; or an A<sub>1</sub>, A<sub>2</sub>, A<sub>3</sub>, A<sub>4</sub> or A<sub>5</sub> group as defined in Claim 2 which is separated from the phenyl nucleus of the compounds of

formula (I) by an oxygen or sulphur atom or by an -NH-,  $-N-(C_1-C_3)$  alkyl-, -NH(CO)-,  $-N-(C_1-C_3)$  alkyl-,  $-NH(CO)N-(C_1-C_3)$  alkyl- or -NH(CO)O- group.

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- 10.Composition according to Claim 9, characterized in that R<sub>5</sub> represents a hydrogen, chlorine, fluorine or bromine atom; a methyl, trifluoromethyl, allyl, hydroxymethyl, methoxymethyl, l-hydroxyethyl, aminomethyl, methylaminomethyl, methoxy, acetoxy or methylamino radical; an -NH(CO)R<sub>13</sub> group in which R<sub>13</sub> represents one of the radicals listed in the group (G2) as defined in Claim 7; or an -NHSO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>14</sub> group in which R<sub>14</sub> represents one of the radicals listed in the group (G1) as defined in/Claim 5.
- 11. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 10, characterized in that, in the said compounds of formula (I), Y denotes a hydrogen, chlorine, fluorine or bromine atom; a methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, benzyloxy or phenoxy group; or an -OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>, -OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>, -OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, -OCH<sub>2</sub>(CO)OH, -OCH<sub>2</sub>(CO)OCH<sub>3</sub>, -OCH<sub>2</sub>(CO)OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, -SCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H or -NHSO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> group.

- 12. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 11, characterized in that the compounds of formula (I) are chosen from those in which:
- i) R, represents a hydrogen atom;
   R, represents a methyl, ethyl, phenyl or dimethylamino radical;

- $R_3$  represents a hydroxyl, amino or methylamino radical; an -NH(CO) $R_{16}$  group in which  $R_{16}$  represents a radical chosen from the group (G4) consisting of the methyl, methoxymethyl, 2-carboxyethyl, methoxy, amino, ethylamino and 1-pyrrolidinyl radicals; methanesulphonylamino, ethanesulphonylamino and dimethylaminosulphonylamino;
- R<sub>4</sub> represents a hydrogen or chloring atom or a methyl group;
- R<sub>5</sub> represents a hydrogen, chlorine or fluorine atom or a methyl group;
  - Y represents a hydrogen or chlorine atom or a methoxy or -OCH<sub>2</sub>(CO)OCH<sub>3</sub> group;
- 15 ii) R, represents a hydrogen /atom;
  - R<sub>2</sub> represents a methyl, ethyl, phenyl or dimethylamino radical;
  - R, represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl radical;
- R, represents a hydroxyl, amino, methylamino or -NH(CO)R<sub>17</sub>, group in which R<sub>17</sub>, represents one of the radicals listed in the group (G4) defined above; or a methanesulphonylamino, ethanesulphonylamino or dimethylaminosylphonylamino group;
  - $R_s$  represents a hydrogen, chlorine or fluorine atom or a methyl, methoxy or methylamino group;
  - Y represents a hydrogen or chlorine atom or a methoxy or -OCH<sub>2</sub>(CO)OCH<sub>3</sub> group;
  - iii) R, pepresents a hydrogen atom;
- Ry represents a methyl, ethyl, phenyl or dimethyl-amino radical;
  - /R, represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl radical;

- R, represents a hydrogen or chlorine atom or a methyl, methoxy or methylamino radical;
- $R_s$  represents a methylamino or -NH(CO) $R_{18}$  group in which  $R_{18}$  represents one of the radicals listed in the group (G4) defined above; or a methanesulphonylamino, ethanesulphonylamino or dimethylaminosulphonylamino group;
- Y represents a hydrogen or chlorine atom or a methoxy or -OCH<sub>2</sub>(CO)OCH<sub>3</sub> group;

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- iv) R, represents a hydrogen atom;
  - R<sub>2</sub> represents a methyl, ethyl, phenyl or dimethylamino radical;
  - R<sub>3</sub> represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl radical;
- R represents a hydrogen or chlorine atom or a methyl radical;
  - $R_s$  represents a hydrogen, chlorine or fluorine atom or a methyl radical;
  - Y represents a hydrogen or chlorine atom or a methoxy or -OCH<sub>2</sub>/CO)OCH<sub>3</sub> group.
  - 13. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 12, characterized in that the compounds of formula (I) are chosen from:
- N-(2-hydroxyphenyl) methanesulphonamide;
  - N-(2-hydroxy-4-methylphenyl) methanesulphonamide;
  - N-(2-hydroxy-4-aminophenyl) methanesulphonamide;
  - N-(2/hydroxy-4-(acetylamino)phenyl)methanesulphonamide;
- N/(2-hydroxy-4-(methoxycarbonylamino)phenyl) methanesulphonamide;
  - / N-(2-hydroxy-5-chlorophenyl) methanesulphonamide;

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- N-(2-hydroxy-4-methyl-5-chlorophenyl) methane
        sulphonamide;
        - N-(2-hydroxy-4-amino-5-chlorophenyl) methane
        sulphonamide;
        - N-(2-hydroxy-4-acetylamino-5-chloropheny/)-
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        methanesulphonamide;
        - N-(2-hydroxy-4-methoxycarbonylamino-5/chloro-
        phenyl) methanesulphonamide;
        - N-(2-hydroxy-5-methoxyphenyl) methan sulphonamide;
        - N-(2-hydroxy-4-methyl-5-methoxyphenyl)methane-
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        sulphonamide;
        - N-(2-hydroxy-4-amino-5-methoxyphenyl)methane-
        sulphonamide;
        - N-(2-hydroxy-4-acetylamino-5-methoxyphenyl)-
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        methanesulphonamide;
        - N-(2-hydroxy-4-methoxycarbohylamino-5-methoxy-
        phenyl) methanesulphonamide;
        - N-(2-hydroxy-6-aminophenyl) methanesulphonamide;
        - N-(2-hydroxy-6-(acetylamino)phenyl)methane-
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        sulphonamide;
        - N-(2-hydroxy-4,6-diam/nophenyl)methanesulphonamide;
        - N-(2-hydroxy-4-acety/amino-6-aminophenyl) methane-
        sulphonamide:
        - N-(2-hydroxy-3,5-dichloro-4-methylphenyl)methane-
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        sulphonamide;
        - N-(2-hydroxy-3, $\frac{4}{2}\dichloro-4-aminophenyl) methane-
        sulphonamide;
        - N-(2-hydroxy-3,5-dichloro-4-(acetylamino)phenyl)-
       methanesulphonamide;
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        - N-(2-hydroxy-3,5-dichloro-4-(methoxycarbonyl-
       amino) pheny * ) methanesulphonamide;
       - N-(2-hydfoxy-3-(methanesulphonylamino)phenyl)-
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methanesulphonamide;
        - N-(2-hydroxyphenyl) benzenesulphonamide;
        - N-(2-hydroxy-4-methylphenyl) benzenesulpMonamide;
        - N-(2-hydroxy-4-aminophenyl) benzenesulphonamide;
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        - N-(2-hydroxy-4-(acetylamino)phenyl)benzene-
        sulphonamide;
        - N-(2-hydroxy-4-(methoxycarbonylamino)phenyl)-
        benzenesulphonamide;
        - N-(2-hydroxy-5-chlorophenyl)ben/enesulphonamide;
        - N-(2-hydroxy-4-methyl-5-chlorophenyl)benzene-
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        sulphonamide;
        - N-(2-hydroxy-4-amino-5-chlorophenyl)benzene-
        sulphonamide;
        - N-(2-hydroxy-4-acetylamixo-5-chlorophenyl)-
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        benzenesulphonamide;
        - N-(2-hydroxy-4-methoxycarbonylamino-5-chloro-
        phenyl) benzenesulphonamide;
        - N-(2-hydroxy-5-methoxyphenyl) benzenesulphonamide;
        - N-(2-hydroxy-4-methyl-5-methoxyphenyl)benzene-
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        sulphonamide;
        - N-(2-hydroxy-4/amino-5-methoxyphenyl)benzene-
        sulphonamide:
        - N-(2-hydroxy-4-acetylamino-5-methoxyphenyl)-
       benzenesulphonamide;
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       - N-(2-hydroxy-4-methoxycarbonylamino-5-methoxy-
       phenyl) benzenesulphonamide;
       - N-(2-hydroxy-6-aminophenyl)benzenesulphonamide;
       - N-(2/hydroxy-6-(acetylamino)phenyl)benzene-
       sulphonamide:
       - N/(2-hydroxy-4,6-diaminophenyl)benzenesulphonamide;
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         N-(2-hydroxy-4-acetylamino-6-aminophenyl)benzene-
        ulphonamide;
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- N-(2-hydroxy-3,5-dichloro-4-methylphenyl)benzene-sulphonamide;
- N-(2-hydroxy-3,5-dichloro-4-aminophenyl)benzene-sulphonamide;
- 5 N-(2-hydroxy-3,5-dichloro-4-(acetylamino)phenyl) benzenesulphonamide;
  - N-(2-hydroxy-3,5-dichloro-4-(methoxy/arbonyl-amino)phenyl)benzenesulphonamide;
  - N-(2-hydroxy-3-(benzenesulphonylamino)phenyl)-
- benzenesulphonamide;
  and their addition salts with an acid.
  - 14. Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 13, characterized in that the compound or compounds of formula (I) and/or the addition salt or their addition salts with an acid preferably represent from 0.0005 to 12% by weight approximately of the total weight of the dreing composition.
- 20 15.Composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 14, characterized in that the addition salts with an acid are chosen from hydrochlorides, hydrobromides, sulphates, citrates, succinates, tartrates, lactates and acetates.

16. Process for the dyeing of keratinous fibres and in particular of human keratinous fibres, such as the hair, characterized in that at least one dyeing composition as defined in one of Claims 1 to 15 is applied to the said fibres and in that the colour is developed at acidic, neutral or alkaline pH using an oxidizing agent which is added only at the time of

use to the dyeing composition or which is present in an oxidizing composition applied simultaneously or sequentially in a separate fashion

- 5 17.Process according to Claim 16, characterized in that the oxidizing agent is chosen from hydrogen peroxide, urea hydrogen peroxide, alkali metal bromates, persalts and enzymes.
- 10 18.Process according to Claim 17, characterized in that the enzymes are chosen from peroxidases, laccases, tyrosinases and oxidoreductases.
- 19.Multi-compartment device or multi-compartment dyeing
  kit, a first compartment of which includes a dyeing
  composition as defined in any one of Claims 1 to 15
  and a second compartment of which includes an
  oxidizing composition.

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